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Application Number	09/919,045
Filing Date	07/31/2001
Inventor(s)	Ramesh NAGARAJAN et al.
Group Art Unit	2616
Examiner Name	Steven Blount
Attorney Docket Number	129250-002077/US

**ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)**☐ Fee Transmittal Form☐ Fee Attached☒ Amendment☐ After Final☐ Affidavits/declaration(s)☐ Extension of Time Request☐ Express Abandonment Request☐ Information Disclosure Statement☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)☐ Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application☐ Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53☐ Assignment Papers  
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Remarks

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**PATENT**

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Applicant: Ramesh NAGARAJAN et al.  
Group Art Unit: 2616  
Examiner: Steven Blount  
Title: MINIMUM CONTENTION, DISTRIBUTED WAVELENGTH  
ASSIGNMENT IN OPTICAL TRANSPORT NETWORKS  
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December 7, 2006

**Response**

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated October 18, 2006 ("Office Action") and respond as follows.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

	Claims remaining after Amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present extra
Total	14	-	20	=	0
Independent	4	-	4	=	0